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PRODUCTION SYSTEM AND
METHOD

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 with the following new
paragraph:

Additionally, as an example of the conventional individual order production
system, "Manufacturing System and Assembly System of Computer System in Order
Manufacturing Environment" is described in Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No.
11-285936 (published on October 19, 1999). The system is generally called an order
assembly production system. According to the order assembly production system, the
final assembly is made from the parts or the intermediate product in response to order



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